

Clean Version of Amended Specification

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THIS APPLICATION IS A CONTINUATION APPLICATION THAT CLAIMS PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 OF APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER 09/105,406 FILED ON JUNE 26, 1998.

Page 11, paragraph spanning lines 3-11:

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Q If the card is rejected, consumer 100 is preferably connected by telephone, Internet or other means to a customer service representative (CSR) 134 who verifies (preferably through online access to either client 138 or database server 116) the consumer's ability to use the stored value card or account. If the account is rejected by CSR 134, then the card or account will remain blocked and authorization system 108 rejects any use of the card or account. If the CSR is able to verify consumer 100 and the card/account, then CSR [100] 134 preferably sends a "remove block" or comparable message to authorization system 108 so that consumer 100 may properly use the verified and activated account.

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